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City of Barrie

Meeting Agenda

Community Safety Committee

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 | **6:00 PM** | **Council Chamber/Virtual**

This meeting will be held ELECTRONICALLY and IN-PERSON in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act*, *2001*.

1. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

The Public Meeting is being held between **6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** in person at the City Hall, Council Chambers, as well as virtually.

Registration to speak in advance of the meeting is encouraged. To register, please email cityclerks@barrie.ca or by calling 705-739-4220 Ext. 5500 during regular office hours prior to Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. If you are participating virtually, information will be provided by email on how to make your submission by electronic participation.

Any written submissions received in advance or at the meeting will be circulated to members of Council and appropriate City staff.

All information provided is being collected and will be used for the purpose of gathering your input to respond to inquiries, to be notified of future meetings and will be considered as public information. Should you have questions regarding this collection, please contact the Legislative Services Branch at cityclerks@barrie.ca or calling 705-739-4220 Ext. 5500.

1.1 PUBLIC MEETING - MOTION 23-A-052, CONCERNING OPTIONS TO ADDRESS CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF BARRIE

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer consider/utilize the following options to address chronic homelessness and enhance public safety in the City of Barrie:

    a) Request Funding from the Province of Ontario for:

        i. Additional financial support for the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic to provide more beds and to increase the hours of operation; and

        ii. For a similar organization that provides long-term counselling and treatment.

    b) Approve funding for the following:

        i. A Family Re-unification Fund to pay for the transportation

costs and help reunite individuals with families or support groups.

ii. The operation of a shuttle service for individuals released from the Central North Correctional Centre;

iii. A Cooling and Warming Centre for at-risk individuals and the provision of daily meal programs that are currently being offered on public lands and in public parks over multiple years;

iv. To the Salvation Army or a similar organization to support a lunch program; and

v. For food security programs through local agencies to reduce the needs associated with panhandling.

c) Request permanent funding from the Province of Ontario and the County of Simcoe for the County of Simcoe's mobile outreach pilot program in downtown Barrie, if deemed to be successful by the City of Barrie and the County of Simcoe.

d) Changes to the City's By-laws, protocols, and processes to:

i. Prohibit the use or distribution of tents or tarps in public parks or on public lands without a permit;

ii. Prohibit the distribution of food and grocery products in public spaces without the use of a permit; and

iii. Reduce the time required to address camping in parks and storage of goods in parks or public spaces.

e) Methods to prohibit the payment to panhandlers on City Streets, intersections, and highway ramps;

f) The placement of signs on City off-ramps to discourage panhandling or financial support thereof and encouraging donations to local social service agencies;

g) Work with the County of Simcoe and Province of Ontario on ways to build more supportive housing for community members experiencing adverse mental health or addictions;

h) Appeal to the County of Simcoe for funding to help individuals transition from unemployment to employment through training opportunities;

i) Schedule a public meeting to be held at the Community Safety Committee regarding chronic homelessness,

addictions, and mental health supports in the City of Barrie; and

j) Have staff apply for any provincial or federal funding opportunities available to support the options outlined in this motion.

2. That funding of up to $825,000 per annum for 2 years from the Re-Investment Reserve be made available to fund any of the options detailed in paragraph 1 that are undertaken, as required.

3. That, if necessary, the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to waive the City's purchasing by-law to award any items or services required to undertake the options listed in paragraph 1.

4. That the Chief Administrative Officer provides quarterly updates to the Community Safety Committee regarding the effectiveness of the options that are undertaken as part of this motion.

Attachments: Presentation - Addressing Chronic Homelessness in the City
Memo - Status Update - Options to Address Chronic Homelessness
ADDITIONS PM Correspondence Options to Address Chronic Homelessness

2. OPEN DELEGATIONS

Nil.

3. PRESENTATIONS BY STAFF/OFFICERS/AGENTS OF THE CORPORATION

3.1 PRESENTATION BY M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REGARDING ADDRESSING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF BARRIE.

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4. STANDING ITEMS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Nil.

5. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

6. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Nil.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Nil.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Nil.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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